



P.B.5818 - Patentamt  
2280 HV Rijswijk (ZH)  
T +31 70 340 2040  
TX 31651 epo nl  
FAX +31 70 340 3016

Europäisches  
Patentamt

Zweigstelle  
in Den Haag  
Recherchen-  
abteilung

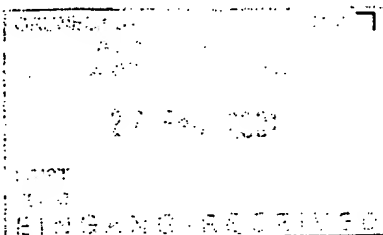
European  
Patent Office

Branch at  
The Hague  
Search  
division

Office européen  
des brevets

Département à  
La Haye  
Division de la  
recherche

Grünecker, Kinkeldey,  
Stockmair & Schwanhäusser  
Anwaltssozietät  
Maximilianstrasse 58  
80538 München  
ALLEMAGNE



Datum/Date

22.02.01

Zeichen/Ref./Réf. EP16805-009/do	Anmeldung Nr./Application No./Demande n°/Patent Nr./Patent No./Brevet n°. 99106957.6-2202-
Anmelder/Applicant/Demandeur/Patentinhaber/Proprietor/Titulaire Casio Computer Co., Ltd.	

## COMMUNICATION

The European Patent Office herewith transmits as an enclosure the European search report for the above-mentioned European patent application.

If applicable, copies of the documents cited in the European search report are attached.

☒ Additional set(s) of copies of the documents cited in the European search report is (are) enclosed as well.

The following specifications given by the applicant have been approved by the Search Division:

☒ abstract ☐ title

☐ The abstract was modified by the Search Division and the definitive text is attached to this communication.

The following figure will be published together with the abstract:

6

## REFUND OF THE SEARCH FEE

If applicable under Article 10 Rules relating to fees, a separate communication from the Receiving Section on the refund of the search fee will be sent later.





European Patent  
Office

# EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT

Application Number  
EP 99 10 6957

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT			
Category	Citation of document with indication, where appropriate, of relevant passages	Relevant to claim	CLASSIFICATION OF THE APPLICATION (Int.Cl.6)
X	US 5 504 584 A (SOEDA HARUO) 2 April 1996 (1996-04-02) * column 1, line 27 - line 43 * * column 5, line 19 - line 31 * * column 4, line 49 - line 65 * * column 4, line 29; figure 2 *	1-3,5-7	H04N5/235
A	----	10	
X	WO 97 36427 A (OBSIDIAN IMAGING INC) 2 October 1997 (1997-10-02) * page 8, line 28 - page 9, line 14 *	1,5	
A	----	10	
X	US 4 954 897 A (EJIMA SATOSHI ET AL) 4 September 1990 (1990-09-04) * column 8, line 35 - line 61 *	1,6	
A	EP 0 773 469 A (EASTMAN KODAK CO) 14 May 1997 (1997-05-14) * page 2, line 46 - line 47 *	8	
			TECHNICAL FIELDS SEARCHED (Int.Cl.6)
			H04N
The present search report has been drawn up for all claims			
Place of search THE HAGUE		Date of completion of the search 15 February 2001	Examiner Bequet, T
CATEGORY OF CITED DOCUMENTS			
X : particularly relevant if taken alone Y : particularly relevant if combined with another document of the same category A : technological background O : non-written disclosure P : intermediate document		T : theory or principle underlying the invention E : earlier patent document, but published on, or after the filing date D : document cited in the application L : document cited for other reasons & : member of the same patent family, corresponding document	

1  
EPO FORM 1503 03 82 (P04C01)

**ANNEX TO THE EUROPEAN SEARCH REPORT  
ON EUROPEAN PATENT APPLICATION NO.**

EP 99 10 6957

This annex lists the patent family members relating to the patent documents cited in the above-mentioned European search report. The members are as contained in the European Patent Office EDP file on  
The European Patent Office is in no way liable for these particulars which are merely given for the purpose of information.

15-02-2001

Patent document cited in search report	Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 5504584 A	02-04-1996	JP 4255182 A JP 4255174 A	10-09-1992 10-09-1992
WO 9736427 A	02-10-1997	US 6151073 A	21-11-2000
US 4954897 A	04-09-1990	NONE	
EP 0773469 A	14-05-1997	US 5682562 A JP 9179173 A	28-10-1997 11-07-1997